

#### **SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 14 with the following paragraph:

The hydraulic shock absorber 100 receives a damper cylinder 21 and a piston rod 24 constituting a damper 20 in inner portions of the vehicle body side tube 11 and the wheel side tube 12. The hydraulic shock absorber 100 is provided with the damper cylinder 21 fixed to the inner portion of the bottom bracket 18 in the inner portion of the wheel side tube 12 in a rising manner. A stopper ring 22A engaged with an inner periphery of a lower end of the damper cylinder 21 is pulled by a center bolt 22 inserted and attached to a bottom portion of the bottom bracket 18. The damper cylinder 21 is fixed to the bottom portion of the bottom bracket 18 under interposition of a flange 37A of an oil lock piece 37 mentioned below. The front fork ~~10~~ is structured such that a spring load adjusting sleeve 23 is screwed in a liquid-tight manner with a center portion of the cap 16. A hollow piston rod 24 and a lock nut 23A are screwed with a lower end portion of the spring load adjusting sleeve 23 inserted to the inner portion of the vehicle body side tube 11. The piston rod 24 is fixedly supported to the vehicle body side tube 11. The piston rod 24 slidably passes through a rod guide 25 provided in an upper end portion of the damper cylinder 21 so as to be inserted to an oil chamber 27 in the inner portion of the damper cylinder 21, and is provided with a piston 26 in a piston bolt 24A arranged in an insertion leading end portion thereof. The piston 26 is fixed by a nut 24B screwed with the piston bolt 24A. The piston 26 is fixed by a nut 24B screwed with the piston bolt 24A. The piston 26 vertically slides along an inner surface of the damper cylinder 21. The oil chamber 27 is sectioned into a piston rod side oil chamber 27A in a side to which the piston rod 24 is inserted, and a piston side oil chamber 27B in a side to which the piston rod 24 is not inserted, by the piston 26.